

Science Church Schism Blamed

**General Welfare Committee
Report Declares Board**

Fractional Difficulties

**Findings Being Printed
for Distribution Among**

the 1,800 Congregations

What is regarded as the most important development thus far in the schism between factions of the Christian Science Church are the findings, the nature of which became known yesterday, of the committee on general welfare, appointed by authority of the board of directors at the Church's annual meeting in Boston last year, to inquire into alleged abuses in the Church government.

These findings, it was disclosed

place practically all responsibility for the present situation in the Church at the door of the board of directors. The results of the committee's study and investigation, extending over several months, constitute a report which has already been placed in the hands of the directors and is now in the hands of printers for distribution within the Church at an early date.

The nature of the report was a complete surprise to the members of the faith here, who got their first knowledge of it from a representative of The Tribune yesterday. It was said without qualification that the situation thus exposed was a grave one, and that its effect upon the future of the Church and its present form of government was

Message Tells of Report

News that this report had been formulated came with the receipt of the following message from a prominent member of the church in Chicago by one who is in touch with many of the affairs of the denomination. It states the litigation centering around the directors of the Mother Church in Boston:

"Chicago, March 11.

"As result of meeting of First, Second and Seventh churches here, Tuesday night and Fifth Church tonight, sentiment has turned completely against any participation in the delegates' conference at New York State. Almost unanimous refusal to part of joint conference of Tuesday to call convention of churches in Illinois and to participate in plan similar to that of New York State.

termination not to support Hulin suit. Jacob Shields, a member of the committee on general welfare, invited to address Tuesday night meeting, spoke at length, advising against contemplated action and foreboding forthcoming report to the committee, which he says in printers' hands and to be distributed within week. Indicates findings of committee majority report place responsibility for present conditions, including those in publishing house, upon directors. Strongly advised against

Richard J. Vermeil, of this city, chairman of the committee, which is composed of himself and six other members, including Mr. Shields of Chicago, did not deny last night that the report was against the board of directors of the National City Bank. Findings were in favor of the directors.

Bound to Secrecy

When asked over the telephone, after the foregoing telegram had been read to him, if the facts would justify publication of the information contained in the message, he said the members of the committee were bound by the injunction granted the trustees.

publishing society against the directors, not to divulge the contents of the report to discuss them.

At the report included a designation of the trustees' functions and their relations with the directors and if it was found that the directors should no longer endeavor to exercise control over affairs of the publishing society. "Very truly yours," he did not think the report was "quite that drastic."

It would probably be three weeks, he said, before the report would be ready for discussion. The report will be sent to each of the 1,800 churches throughout the world. The faith has its most notable following in this country and in England.

The committee on general warfare was elected last summer to report into the troubled affairs of the church. Christian Scientists who wanted to see immediate reforms effected in the church's administration were surprised to learn that the directors intended that it would be unwise to conduct the investigation, in view of the legal proceedings and resultant injunction against themselves, since the directors feared that such an undertaking would hamper the committee's formation. As was known, however, that the membership of the committee as a whole was not satisfactory to the board.

completed several days ago. The members and the cities they represent are: Richard P. Verrall, New York City; Jacob S. Shields, Chicago; Mrs. Mabel S. Thomson, London; Edward W. Dickey, Los Angeles; Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Kansas City; Henry Deutch, Minneapolis; and Edward Everett Norwood, Washington.

What is said to have aroused more criticism of the directors than anything else on the part of the members of the church was the directors' alleged policy of secrecy in relation to the church government.

Art Sale Totals \$32,625
Beechey Painting of Mrs. Norton Brings \$1,400
The sale of old paintings by English and continental masters, with several early American portraits, was continued yesterday at the Anderson Galleries, Park Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street. The highest price paid at yesterday's sale was for a portrait of a

A portrait of Mrs. Blackall, by John Hoppner, R. A., sold to T. B. Norton for \$1,250. Among the others were "A Portrait of a Lady," by Thomas Philips, R. A., sold to A. Rougeron for \$750; "A Portrait of a Gentleman," by Sir Joshua Reynolds, R. A., sold to

The total for the day's sale was \$18,180. The total for the entire sale was \$23,675.